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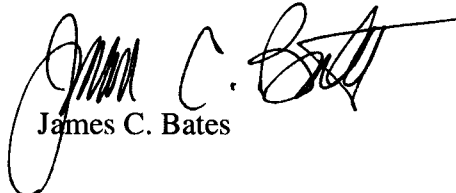
Re: Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A,
Duson Field, Lafayette Parish,
Louisiana

NOTICE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION AND OTHERS

This supplements the legal notice previously furnished to all parties receiving a copy of this notice. The legal notice previously sent to such parties scheduled said hearing for August 31, 2004. Please be advised that said hearing will be continued until September 21, 2004 at the request of the applicant. The place and time of the hearing remains the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m. This is the only notice of the continuance that you will receive.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
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July 9, 2004

Hon. James H. Welsh
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Re: Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, Duson
Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Noble Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, Duson Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, Duson Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create three (3) drilling and production units for the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A designated as the NS RA SUA, SUB and SUC, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A.

The Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, in the Duson Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 13,740 feet and 14,450 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Hunt Oil Company (Secure Trusts)-C. Mouton No. 1 Well, located in Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 3 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

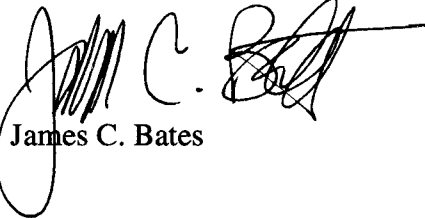
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Duson Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Duson Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the proposed units in the Duson Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, said plat and list are being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY**. However, copies of the plat and/or list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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